

memorandum

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ATTN OF: Office of Environmental Policy and Guidance: Boulos: 6-1306

SUBJECT: Clean Air Act Information-Final Rule on Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances.

TO: Distribution

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Department of Energy complex that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued on April 26, 2000, a Final Rule in the Federal Register related to the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. Under Section 612 of the Clean Air Act EPA established the SNAP program. SNAP's mandate is to identify alternatives to ozone-depleting substances and to publish lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes. Comprehensive SNAP lists can be obtained through EPA's stratospheric ozone protection hotline at: 1-800-296-1996, or through EPA's stratospheric ozone protection web site at <http://www.epa.gov/docs/ozone/title6/snap/snap.html>.

In this Final Rule, in the April 26, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 24387), EPA is issuing its decisions on the acceptability of halon substitutes in the fire suppression and explosion protection sector, that were included in a notice of proposed rulemaking published on February 18, 1999 (64 FR 8038) and a correction to the February 18 proposal that was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14417).

40 CFR part 82, is amended by adding Appendix I to Subpart G- "Substitutes Subject to Use Restrictions, Listed in the April 26, 2000, Final Rule, Effective May 26, 2000." Appendix I lists two agents: Total Flooding Agent, IG-100 is acceptable as a halon 1301 substitute for total flooding application, and Streaming Agent, HCFC Blend E is acceptable as a halon 1211 substitute for streaming agent uses in nonresidential applications.

The Final Rule is available at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/oepa/rules/65/65fr24387.pdf> on the Office of Environmental Policy and Guidance (EH-41) Home Page.

If you have any questions concerning this rule, please contact Mr. Emile Boulos of my staff at: emile.boulos@eh.doe.gov; 202-586-1306.

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